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### REMARKS

Restriction to one of the following groups was required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

- Group I Claims 1-6 are drawn to a recombinant vector and transformant, classified in class 435, subclass 252.3.
- Group II Claim 7 is drawn to a method for detecting benzoic acid, classified in class 436, subclass 172.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Group I, that is, Claims 1-6. This election is made between product and process claims. Applicant understands that if a product claim of Group I is subsequently found allowable, the withdrawn process claims of Group II that depend from or otherwise include all the limitations of the allowable product claim will be rejoined in accordance with the provisions of MPEP §821.04 and fully examined for patentability in accordance with 37 CFR 1.104.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance. If any points remain that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-given telephone number.

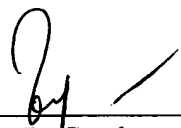
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Respectfully submitted,

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